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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, claims 1-16 and 18-24 were pending. Claims 21 and 23 were allowed. In this paper, several claims are amended, and Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-16, 18-20, and 22 are cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 12, 21, 23, and 24 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowed Subject Matter (Claims 21 and 23)

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 21 and 23 is allowed and thank the Examiner for his work on this matter.

Claims 3, 4, 12, and 24

Claim 3 is respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because Kong does not disclose, "the voltage offset circuit includes a resistor" in conjunction with the other limitations of Applicant's Claim 3. Claim 4 is respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because it depends from Claim 3.

Claim 12 is respectfully submitted to be allowable at least for reasons analogous to those stated above with regard to Claim 3.

Claim 24 is respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because Kong does not disclose, "the capacitor circuit is electrically coupled between the gate of the p-type transistor and the second node", in conjunction with the other limitations of Applicant's Claim 24.

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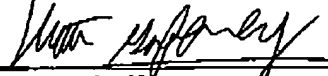
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 3, 4, 12, 21, 23, and 24) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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